THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Details regarding package of financial assistance for modernisation and development of jute industry as well as for development of jute agriculture and the steps taken so far are as under:—

(i) Jute Modernisation Fund of Rs. 150 crores

This is a scheme to be implemented by the All India Financial Institutions like Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) and Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI). The scheme has become operative from 1st November, 1986. So far 13 applications from jute mills have been received by IFCI/IRBI for sanction of loan under the scheme for modernisation.

(ii) Jute Special Development Fund of Rs. 100 crores

The distribution of outlays among various programmes under the Special Development Fund of Rs. 100 crores has been worked out as under:

(Rs. in crores)

1.	Jute Agricultural Development Programme	25·00
2.	Assistance to Jute Corporation of India and its Cooperative procurement agencies	10·00
3.	Product diversification and R & D supports	10·00
4.	Schemes for the benefit of workers in the Jute industry	53·50
	TOTAL	98·50
		or say Rs 100·00 crores.

Detailed schemes under this Fund have been worked out by four different Working Groups set up by the Ministry. These schemes pertain to raw jute agricultural production, assistance to Jute Corporation of India and its State level Cooperative Procurement Agencies, Schemes for the benefit of industrial workers and R & D schemes. The amount has also been credited to the Public Deposit Fund Account under the control of the Ministry of Textiles. EFC proposals are under process for the purpose of clearing these schemes and sisue of necessary sanction orders.

Large scale infiltration across borders

*195. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent large scale infiltration from across the border of Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to check such infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Govt. have no reports about large scale infiltration recently from across the Indo-Pakistan border. While 1237 infiltrators were apprehended on Indo-Pak border during the period from October to December, 1986, 717 were apprehended during the period from Jan. to March, 1987.

(b) BSF who are deployed on the Indo-Pak border are constantly on the alert. The Punjab sector of the Indo-Pakistan border was also placed under the operational control of the Army in January, 1987.